

# 500,000 FACE DEATH IN CITY SIEGE

## Cantonese Troops Prepare to Shell Helpless Wuchang

HANKOW, Oct. 8.—Half a million Chinese people face death by gunfire, starvation and cold in Wuchang where they have been penned in for more than a month as the Red Cantonese army besieges the city. The dead lie in the streets while thousands of others keep alive by eating rats, dogs, cats and other animals.

The garrison, consisting of the northern troops under Marshal Wu Pei-fu, has been refused terms of surrender and is fighting desperately, hoping that the armies of Sun Chuan-fang will be able to break through and succor soldiers and citizens.

Outside the walls the well-fed Cantonese await the time for them to enter the city. All exits have been blocked and the trap is set, ready to be sprung.

### Vain Attempts at Rescue

Not many miles away Sun Chuan-fang's troops are making determined but hitherto unsuccessful efforts to turn aside the Cantonese who block the way to the relief of the besieged city. More than 20,000 casualties have been reported in the advance on the city, the battle being referred to as the "fiercest fighting of the whole war."

In spite of the desperate fighting of the rescue army, it is reported that there is only a remote possibility that the advance will be successful.

Conditions in the war zone are appalling. More than 30,000 starving and emaciated Chinese women and children have been brought here from Wuchang on Red Cross vessels. These were released before the investing of the city became complete.

### May Soon Bombard City

Every trip of the rescue vessels becomes more tragic and terrible. Fighting for places on the boats, hundreds of terrified women and children have been trampled to death. Often the vessels are loaded beyond their capacity and many are pushed overboard and drowned on every trip.

The rescue work, begun last Sunday, will be continued until the end of the week. Then, unless the city capitulates, a general bombardment will be begun by the besiegers with their well equipped artillery, bringing death and destruction to the defenders and starving citizens.

## Simpson Hints He Is Betrayed

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making Somerville their headquarters have worked unceasingly and apparently well. Inspector Underwood, their leader, has a sterling record. Hard working and a serious student in the work he has adopted, the inspector has achieved the position in police circles.

The best prediction at this writing is that Prosecutor Simpson today will slide from under his startling statement of yesterday and explain it something in this manner:—

"I simply meant that the defense lawyers and their detectives are so thick in Somerville and vicinity and have such influence that it is difficult for Inspector Underwood and his men to do anything which is not learned of by the defense in their counter investigations."

### More to Explain

Another statement which Simpson also has not yet qualified is his declaration that Felix Di Martini, Mrs. Hall's private detective four

years ago, was the first on the scene of the crime outside of the authorities.

It always had been understood that Di Martini, whom the state hopes to extradite to New Jersey today, did not enter the case until more than a week after the murders. Unless Simpson's stenographer made a mistake, for the statement concerning Di Martini was typewritten, it would appear that again the prosecutor has some startling hidden evidence.

Defense counsel reiterated today that Di Martini was not employed until after Timothy N. Pfeiffer had been engaged as Mrs. Hall's attorney on September 26, 1922. Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills were killed on September 14.

### Many Visited Scene

It is a well-known fact that any number of persons who had no official connection with the case visited the scene on the old Phillips farm before September 26.

In fact, if the private detective now under arrest in New York as a fugitive on an accessory to murder charge was at the scene before any but officials, he must have visited it before the bodies were found by Raymond Schneider and Pearl Bahmer on September 16.

The prosecutor's fight for Di Martini's custody will be continued in Brooklyn Supreme Court this afternoon. Yesterday Gov. Smith signed an order of the private detective's extradition. Before doing so, however, the New York executive had Simpson promise that he would not take Di Martini out of the state without giving the detective's counsel time to obtain a new writ of habeas corpus which might keep him from Simpson.

### Make New Charges

To answer this move of the defense, Simpson will present to the court an affidavit specifically charging Di Martini with intimidating, bribing and threatening witnesses unfavorable to the Hall family.

This writ probably will be argued today, and the Hall-Mills prosecutor hopes to have Di Martini on his way to Jersey City before nightfall.

Simpson had announced that Di Martini expresses a willingness to tell all if he is instructed to do so by defense counsel. There is a law in New York, where Di Martini is licensed, that a private detective may no divulge information he gathers without the permission of those who hired him.

### Wants Detectives to Talk

The senator does not believe the statute is binding in Di Martini's case, but says he will ask the Hall counsel to instruct the detective to talk anyway.

Simpson, next Thursday, will ask the Somerset county grand jury to indict Di Martini as an accessory after the fact.

The prosecution had been expected to make this move yesterday but the extradition hearing interfered.

The special prosecutor answered charges made against him by Henry Carpenter yesterday by saying that "a man on trial for his life ought to be given the widest possible latitude."

### Separate Trial for Carpenter

Carpenter asserted that ex-State Trooper Dickman's alleged naming of the murder defendant as a briber was to meet the prosecution's necessities, and that Simpson was not trying him with his cousins to deprive them of proof that Mrs. Jane Gibson was committing perjury in her testimony.

Mrs. Gibson named Carpenter as one of those at the scene and said she saw a "glittering object" in his hand at the time of the shooting.

Because of her testimony the decision of the state not to try Carpenter with the other three defendants was a startling one.

### \$1,000,000 CAMPAIGN

Active canvassing in the American Historical Association's campaign for an endowment fund of \$1,000,000 will start here in the first week in November, it was announced today.

## Dorman, Who Joshed Jews, Enters Orthodox Society

By NATHAN T. ZALINSKY

It seems there was an Irish fire commissioner named John J. Dorman who got into something of a jam last May by springing an ancient wheeze about a Jew whose sons were playing with matches. Some resented the story as a reflection on their race.

Other folks based their protests on the grounds that Commissioner

Dorman had no business dragging such a venerable joke from the Home of Ancient and Decrepit Gags and putting it back into harness after years of faithful service.

Well, sir, last night this same Irishman was installed as an honorary member of the Nair-Tamid Society in the auditorium of the Riverside Synagogue, 310 West 103d St.

The Nair-Tamid Society is a religious and benevolent organization, comprising all Jews in the uniformed and civilian personnel of the New York Fire Department. It was organized last May.

Investigation revealed that Mr. Dorman had been given the story



J. J. Dorman

at a Holy Name Society breakfast, where it was told, by two other "Irishmen" named Meier Steinbrink and Mortimer Weinberg. They said they heard one Al Jolson tell it.

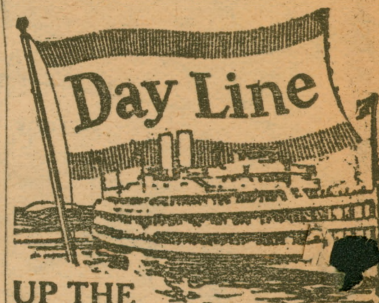
The other honorary members installed were Honorary Deputy Fire Chief William W. Cohen, Herman L. Reis, Dr. J. W. Goldenkranz and Abraham Dunner, president of the Riverside Synagogue.

Rabbi Edward Lissman, Fire Department chaplain, and Battalion Chief Levy of the Fourth Battalion, who brought the organization into being, were present, along with 500 others.

### VETERANS TO MEET

Members of the 113th United States Infantry Veterans' Association will hold their eighth annual reunion in Newark tomorrow afternoon and evening. It will mark the anniversary of the arrival of the Blue and Gray division in the

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